

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending in the application.

Claims 11 and 21-30 are amended above to clarify the invention being claimed.

No new matter has been added to the application by way of these specification and claim amendments.

I. THE SECTION 101 REJECTION OF CLAIMS 11-20

The examiner rejected claims 11-20 for claiming non-statutory subject matter. In particular, the examiner takes the position that the claims do not define patentable subject matter because they include – within their scope – both non-patentable and patentable subject matter.

II. THE SECTION 112 1st AND 2nd PARAGRAPH REJECTIONS

The examiner rejected claims 21-30 under the first and second paragraphs of 35 USC § 112. It is the examiner's position that claims 21-30 are attempts to define a product or machine entirely by its function and that the claims must contain structural features to overcome this rejection.

The examiner's rejection has been overcome by amending claims 21-30 above to provide structure for the recited apparatus;

III. THE ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Applicant acknowledges the examiner's allowance of claims 1-10 and 31.

CONCLUSION

All pending application claims are believed to patentable for the reasons recited above. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims is, therefore courteously solicited.

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